GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:310
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Unpaid Wages to MGNREGS Workers
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers could not be given wages in lieu of jobs in some of the States during the months of November and December, 2016 under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) the names of the States where workers are finding it difficult to get their wages; and

(c) whether the wages were regularly paid to the workers in these States during the month of February, 2017 and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 310 for 23.03.2017.

(a) to (c): Timely payment of wages is one of the priority areas under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). The Electronic Fund Management System (e-FMS) has been rolled out for payment of wages, material and administrative expenses under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to ensure timely payment. Through the e-FMS, wages are credited directly into the respective beneficiary's account. As of now, the e-FMS has been implemented in 95% of the Gram Panchayats and more than 96% of the wage payments are done using e-FMS. The Ministry has tried to ensure regular payment of wages to workers. However, payment of wages have got delayed in some cases. The details of timely and delayed payment during the FY 2016-17 is at Annexure-I. As per Management Information System (MIS), State/UT-wise details of expenditure on wages under MGNREGS during November, 2016 to February, 2017 is at Annexure-II.